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I USED TO SEE RED...
NOW I ONLY SEE BLACK.
BLACK HATRED FOR THE COMMANDMENT KILLER...
DEEP DOWN, THIS SORRY INDIVIDUAL IS BEGGING FOR PUNISHMENT...
AND HE WILL RECEIVE IT...
YOU?! NOT YOU! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
AT LAST I'LL LEARN HIS IDENTITY...

AND MY MONEY'S ON MIGHTY MAN...
HE'S THE ONLY ONE WITH THIS KIND OF KICK-ASS POWER...
THOOM!
OVERLORD!
OVERLORD...?! IF I RECALL MY GALLERY OF SHAME, HE WAS LEADER OF THE VICIOUS CIRCLE IN CHICAGO... TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO...
HE'S DEAD!
LAW AND DRAGON... A TEAM-UP MADE IN HELL... AND BOTH SHALL SUFFER...!
LAW FOR YOUR MEAN-SPIRITED VENDETTA AGAINST SUPER HEROES...!
AND DRAGON FOR BREAKING THE FIRST COMMANDMENT... "FALSE GODS!"

FOR ARMED POLICE KILLERS LIKE YOU ARE FALSE HEROES... FALSE GODS!
BOOM!
DRAGNET!
IT'S SHORTING OUT HIS POWER-SUIT...
SZZZZ
HAH!
WHERE ARE THE CLEAN-CUT HEROES OF YESTERYEAR...?
WHO NEVER KILLED AND NEVER USED GUNS?
LET THERE BE AN END TO GLORIFYING VIGILANTES!
OH!
CRAP!

FOR IS IT NOT BETTER TO BLESS THAN TO BLAST ?
THADOOM!
DOUBLE CRAP!
SMASH!
KRAJJ!
LETS GET BACK TO TRADITIONAL VALUES! TRADITIONAL HEROES!
IT HAS TO BE SOMEONE ELSE IN OVERLORD'S SUIT... AND HE'S SERIOUSLY BARKING!
SPANG!
TOO MANY PATIENTS FOR GUN PLAY... LETS GIVE THIS CREEP A TRADITIONAL BEATING.
YOU GOT IT!
BACK OFF OR I SWAT FLYBOY... THIS TINY SINNER WHO HAD AN UNNATURAL RELATIONSHIP WITH KING DONKEY.
help meeee!
HE'S TORCHING INTENSIVE CARE!
WHOOSH!
(BZZZZH)
SPROM!
M'LADY LUCK
SPRINKLERS TAKEN CARE OF IT... OKAY, LAW... YOU DON'T STILL BELIEVE IT'S MIGHTY MAN?
WHY NOT? THE SUIT ACTS AS A DISGUISE... AND OVERLORD NEVER FLEW.

SO HOW DID HE GET AHOLD OF IT ?
IT'S TIME WE TALKED TO MIGHTY MAN! A.K.A. MATRON ANN STEVENS!
ADMIN
STD
MATRON
REMEMBER... THE KILLER KNOWS I WORK HERE... AND THE LAYOUT OF THIS HOSPITAL.
THAT MAKES HER A PRIME SUSPECT!
MS STEVENS
SKRAK!
BE KNOCK
I'VE SCREWED UP... BIG-TIME.
DUTY ROTA
2 IDOLS
THE PUBLIC SPIRIT IS THE ONE TRUE HERO. LET THERE BE NO OTHERS LIKE THIS INDECENT MAN/WOMAN THAT CALLS ITSELF MIGHTY MAN!
THE KILLER MUST HAVE DRUGGED HER... BEFORE SHE COULD TURN INTO MIGHTY MAN.
MAYBE HIS SOUL IS STILL IN THERE AND CAN BE RETRIEVED ONE DAY...
DRAGON, I WON'T TAKE IT AMISS IF YOU WANT TO KICK THE CRAP OUT OF ME... IT'S WHAT I NEED TO BRING ME TO MY SENSES.
HOW COULD I BE SO STUPID? IF I WAS THINKING STRAIGHT, I COULD HAVE SAVED HER... BUT--NO-- I GOTTA THINK THE WORST OF SUPER HEROES! YOU IDIOT, LAW! YOU FRAGGING IDIOT!
JOE... STOP BEATING YOURSELF UP... YOU'RE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF, MAN.
BECAUSE I'M A SUPER HERO, TOO, GOD HELP ME...
WE'RE EXPECTED TO BE PERFECT... SUPER SMART... NEVER MAKE MISTAKES...
PD

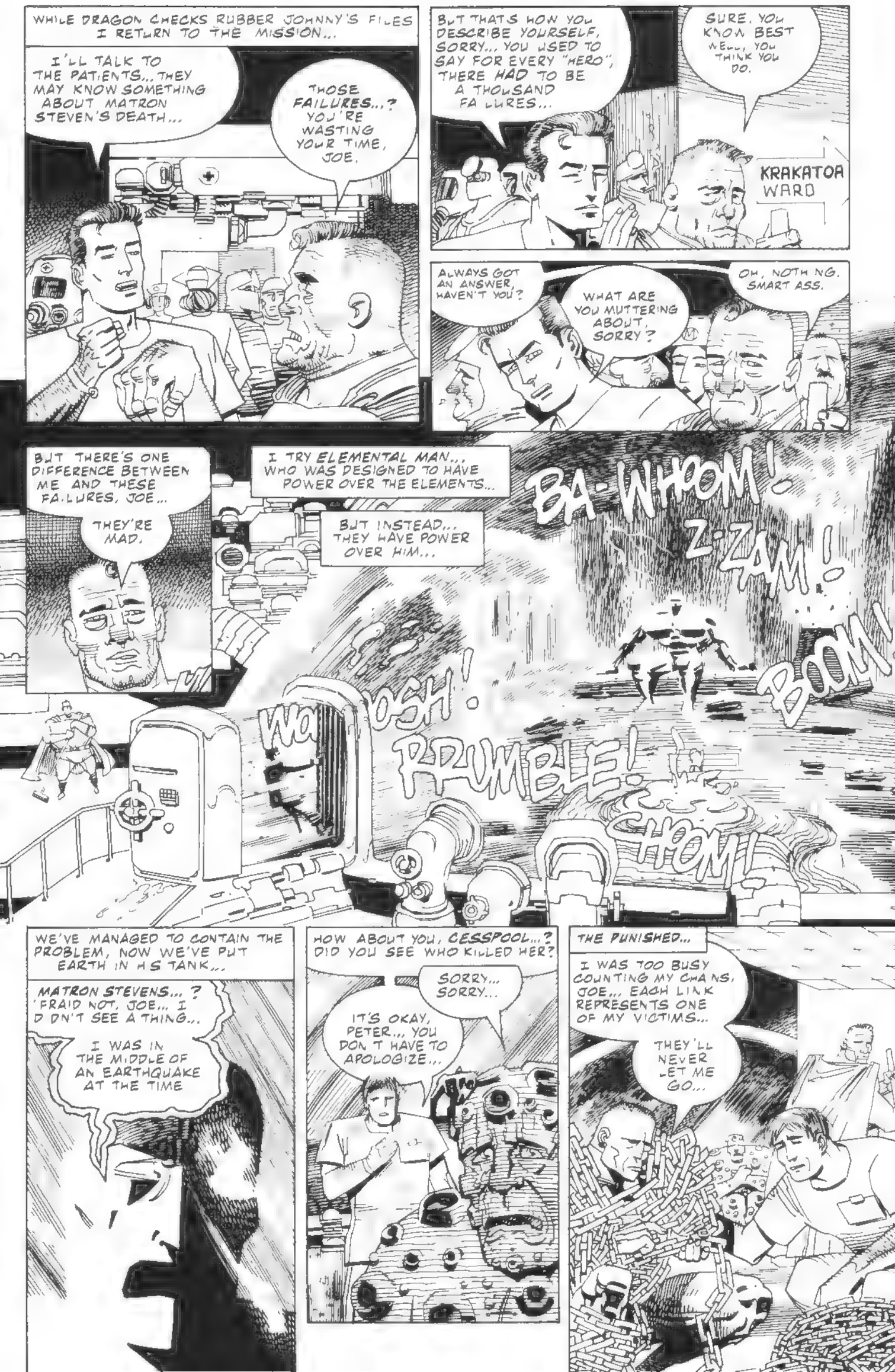
YOU DID THE BEST YOU COULD, MAN.
THAT'S A MATTER OF OPINION... SORRY TO INTERRUPT, GENTLEMEN... BUT COMMISSIONER McGLAND IS HERE...
THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER MURDER.
THE COMMANDMENT KILLER SENT HIM THE VIDEO.
THIS GUY IS MAKING US DANCE LIKE PUPPETS...! BUT WHEN I FIND HIM, HE'LL BE DANCING... FROM A ROPE!
OH, MARSHAL-- BEFORE YOU GO...
AS YOU KNOW, I'M A COLLECTOR OF SUPER HERO MEMORABILIA...
... I WAS WONDERING-- WHEN YOU'D FINISHED WITH THE NEEDLES... MAYBE I COULD... SORRY... 'COURSE NOT... SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT IT UP... BAD IDEA... SORRY...
HIS LATEST VICTIM IS RUBBER JOHNNY, GENTLEMEN...
WHO -- IN CASE YOU'RE NOT AWARE, DRAGON -- WAS AN... ELASTICATED MAN.
"HE TRIED ESCAPING THROUGH AN AIR VENT... BUT THE KILLER HAD BLOCKED IT UP...
"HE'D ALSO SEALED THE DOOR...
"AND THE TOILET...
"THE KILLER DRAGGED HIM BACK EVERY TIME."

"IN DESPERATION, HE CONTORTED HIS BODY INTO THE SHAPE OF A CUTE FAWN... PRESUMABLY HOPING TO EXTRACT PITY FROM HIS EXECUTIONER...
PLEASE... PLEASE... DON'T HURT ME...
"FOR A MOMENT, THE KILLER APPEARS TO HAVE HESITATED...
"NOTE THE SUDDEN LOOK OF HOPE IN JOHNNY'S EYES...
"BUT THE DELAY WAS SIMPLY TO UNVEIL THE INSTRUMENTS OF HIS DESTRUCTION..."
NO!
SORRY... SORRY...
THE REST IS TOO MUCH TO WATCH... EVEN FOR MY STRONG STOMACH.
THE PARCEL ARRIVED WITH JOHNNY'S FINGERS USED AS STRING...

"JOHNNY'S CONDOMINIUM WAS DEVOTED TO THE SALE OF SUPER HERO PRODUCTS... ACCORDING TO THIS NOTE, THE KILLER OBJECTED TO SUCH COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION..."
JS
CAPE AND PILLAGE
RUBBER JOHNNY'S CONDOMINIUM
OPEN 5 DAYS A WEEK
MSTIC FLEA SUIT
WALK TALL COSTUMES
ROOMY TRUNKS FOR FIGHTIN' SKUNKS
DON'T BE A SHAM BUY UNCLE SAM™
S.F.P.D. EVIDENCE
4 BLACK SABBATH
ONE DAY A WEEK, EVEN THE PUBLIC SPIRIT (MAY HE REST IN PEACE) HAD TO REST, BUT YOU NEVER RESTED FROM MAKING MONEY. SO I WILL MAKE YOU REST... IN PIECES.
HMM... THE KILLER COULD HAVE BOUGHT OVERLORD'S SUIT FROM THE CONDOMINIUM... IF WE CHECK JOHNNY'S INVOICES, WE MAY DISCOVER HIS IDENTITY.
YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT... I HAD THE FEELING HE KNEW HIS KILLER.
THERE'S A MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM GENTLEMEN... PREVENTING HIM FROM STRIKING AGAIN...
THERE ARE STILL TWO COMMANDMENTS LEFT: BLASPHEMY AND FALSE WITNESS...
"THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR"... ANY LIKELY TARGETS, JOE?
EVERY HERO IN SAN FUTURO! THEY NEVER STOP BITCHING AND LYING ABOUT EACH OTHER.
YOU SHOULD HEAR WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ME...! 'COURSE IT'S ALL TRUE IN MY CASE!
WAIT A MINUTE... THERE'S THAT LIBEL CASE GOING THROUGH THE HIGH COURT: PUBLIC SPIRIT JUNIOR SUING GROWING BOY.
BUT I'VE GOT THE PUBLIC SPIRIT ON THE BRAIN... FORGET THAT.
SFPD
NO, NO--GO ON, JOE. THIS COULD BE IMPORTANT.
WELL... PUBLIC SPIRIT JUNIOR CLAIMS HE SAVED AN ORBITING SPACE STATION FROM ALIEN ATTACK... WHILE I KNOW GROWING BOY WAS THE REAL HERO.
AND THE KILLER VENERATES THE PUBLIC SPIRIT'S MEMORY... THAT'S GOT TO BE IT, JOE.
LET'S GET OVER THERE!

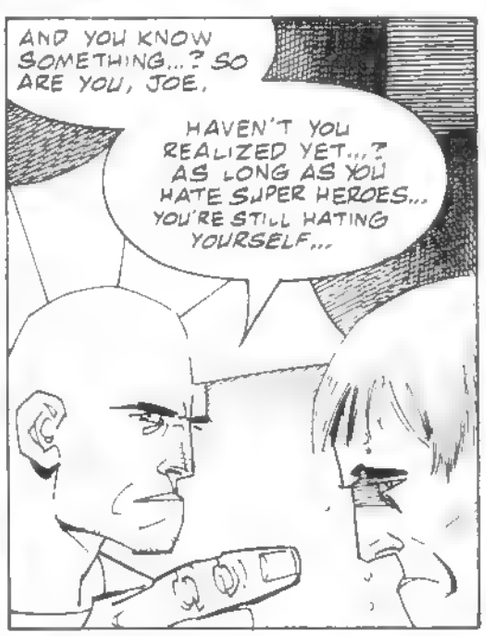
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE WON YOUR LIBEL CASE, P.S. JUNIOR?
I'M JUST GLAD TRUTH AND JUSTICE HAVE PREVAILED... AND WE CAN ONCE AGAIN SAY:
"STAND TALL, AMERICA!
JUSTICE
KISS ME
PS Jnr LIBEL TO WIN MY ♡
I'VE HAD THE SPIRIT IN ME
WHAT ABOUT THE ACCUSATION THAT THE JUDGE HAD TO BELIEVE AMERICA'S NEXT SUPER MAN...? WAS THAT WHY YOU WERE ONLY AWARDED ONE DOLLAR IN DAMAGES?
IT'S THE PRINCIPLE THAT COUNTS. THE MONEY WAS NEVER IMPORTANT.
PS
IF I CAN QUOTE THE WORDS OF THE LAST PUBLIC SPIRIT... "NO REWARD IS NECESSARY...
"... BEING AMERICAN IS REWARD ENOUGH."
YOU HAVE BROKEN THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.. "FALSE WITNESS!"
DARN!
BOOM!
YOU HAVE TAKEN AWAY A HERO'S GOOD NAME AND PROVED UNWORTHY TO BEAR A GREAT NAME.
PS
WHAMM!
I'LL SAVE YOU, MISS.
PS
THOK!
BOOM!
PS
OKAY, YOU SAVE ME!

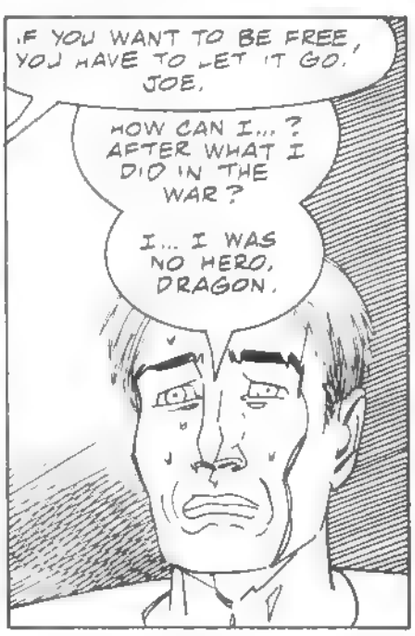
A L E HAS GONE A MILE, WHILE TRUTH WAS PUTT NG ON TS TRUNKS...
TCHOW!
BUT IT S NOT TOO LATE FOR VENGEANCE!
THOOM!
CHANG!
TCHAK!
KRLEAK!
OH SH...
KRASH!
TOO LATE.. HE GOT AWAY.
BUT AT LEAST JUSTICE WAS SERVED..


WHILE DRAGON CHECKS RUBBER JOHNNY'S FILES I RETURN TO THE MISSION...
I'LL TALK TO THE PATIENTS... THEY MAY KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT MATRON STEVEN'S DEATH...
THOSE FAILURES...? YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, JOE.
BUT THAT'S HOW YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF, SORRY... YOU USED TO SAY FOR EVERY "HERO", THERE HAD TO BE A THOUSAND FAILURES...
SURE. YOU KNOW BEST WELL, YOU THINK YOU DO.
KRAKATOA WARD
ALWAYS GOT AN ANSWER, HAVEN'T YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU MUTTERING ABOUT, SORRY?
OH, NOTHING. SMART ASS.
BUT THERE'S ONE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND THESE FAILURES, JOE...
THEY'RE MAD.
I TRY ELEMENTAL MAN... WHO WAS DESIGNED TO HAVE POWER OVER THE ELEMENTS...
BUT INSTEAD... THEY HAVE POWER OVER HIM...
BA-WHOOM!
Z-ZAM!
BOOM!
WOOSH!
RRUMBLE!
CHOM!
WE'VE MANAGED TO CONTAIN THE PROBLEM, NOW WE'VE PUT EARTH IN HIS TANK...
MATRON STEVENS...? 'FRAID NOT, JOE... I D'N'T SEE A THING...
I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EARTHQUAKE AT THE TIME
HOW ABOUT YOU, CESSPOOL...? DID YOU SEE WHO KILLED HER?
SORRY... SORRY...
IT'S OKAY, PETER... YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE...
THE PUNISHED...
I WAS TOO BUSY COUNTING MY CHAINS, JOE... EACH LINK REPRESENTS ONE OF MY VICTIMS...
THEY'LL NEVER LET ME GO...

HELLBORN... DURING THE WAR, HE RAPED AND MURDERED WOMEN... BUT CAN'T ACCEPT WHAT HE DID...
WHOEVER KILLED HER DID US A FAVOR, JOE! WOMEN ARE ALIENS FROM ANOTHER PLANET!
THEY SEEK TO DEVOUR US... TRAP US IN THE JAWS OF HELL!
FOR WOMB THE BELL TOLLS
MISTRUST
MISTAKE
SCRATCH THAT BITCH
THE WATCHLORD...
DID YOU SEE ANYTHING FROM UP THERE, WATCHLORD?
I WOULD LOSE MY GOD STATUS IF I INTERFERED IN THE AFFAIRS OF MORTALS, JOE...
BUT ALL IS WELL IN THE WORLD... SO SAFELY GO.

NONE OF THEM CAN HELP, DRAGON... THEY'RE ALL LOCKED INTO THEIR OWN PRIVATE HELLS.


AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING...? SO ARE YOU, JOE.
HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED YET...? AS LONG AS YOU HATE SUPER HEROES... YOU'RE STILL HATING YOURSELF...

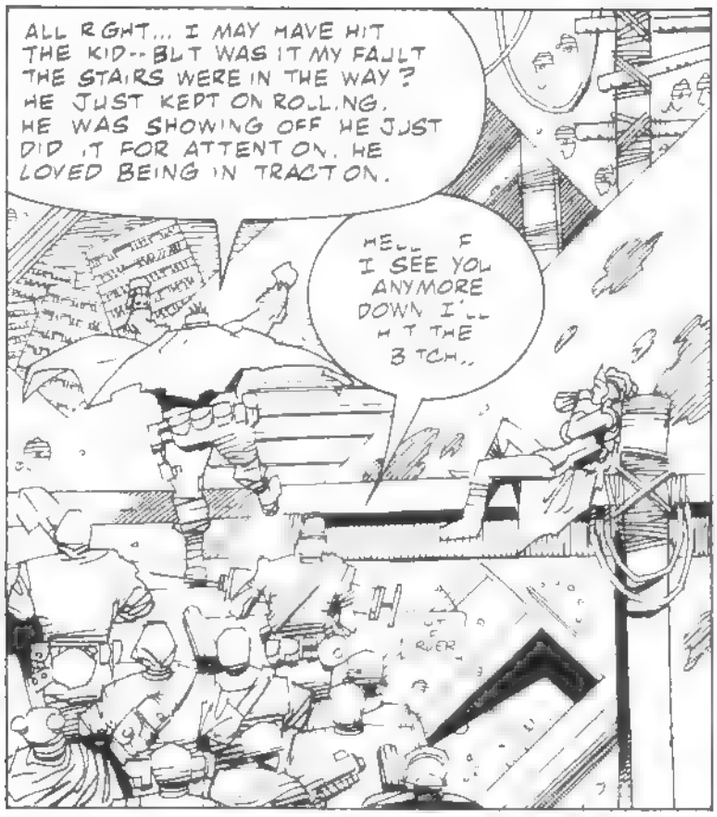

IF YOU WANT TO BE FREE, YOU HAVE TO LET IT GO, JOE.
HOW CAN I...? AFTER WHAT I DID IN THE WAR?
I... I WAS NO HERO, DRAGON.

WHATEVER YOU DID, IT'S GONE... AND YOU'VE MADE UP FOR IT SINCE... I'VE SEEN HOW YOU CARE FOR THESE UNFORTUNATES... YOU DON'T HAVE TO DENY IT ANY LONGER...
YOU ARE A HERO, JOE.

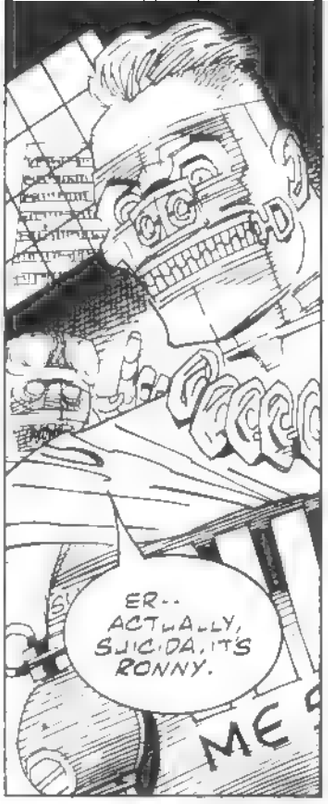
YOU'RE RIGHT, DRAGON... I CAN LET IT GO NOW...
MAYBE THAT'S THE REASON YOU WERE SENT HERE... TO TELL ME IT WAS TIME...

IT'S LIKE A HUGE WEIGHTS SUDDENLY LIFTED OFF ME... I'M FREE...!
YES, FROM NOW ON... THERE'LL BE A NEW MARSHAL LAW... NO LONGER OBSESSED WITH HATE... AND PAIN... AND VIOLENCE... BECAUSE..

MARSHAL LAW DOESN'T HATE SUPER HEROES ANYMORE.
FEE
LOATHIN
OKAY... NOW CHECK THIS .. THE GUY WHO BOUGHT OVERLORD'S OLD SUIT FROM RUBBER JOHNNY WAS A "THOMAS ROYE"...
A.K.A.... SORRY-- THE NEARLY MAN!
I'LL KILL THE BASTARD!
BUT FIRST WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM... SO... WHO WOULD HE CONSIDER GUILTY OF BREAKING HIS FINAL COMMANDMENT... ABOUT...
"BLASPHEMY...?"
SHE GOT T COMING! SHE'S GOT IT COMING!
THIS IS THE NEW SUICIDA... I NO LONGER TAKE MY ANGER OUT ON SOCIETY... I TAKE IT OUT ON THE WIFE!
NUKE
KRAK
HOT DOGS Cold Turkey
WHY DIDN'T SHE RETURN MY CALLS...? OR ANSWER MY LETTERS...?
MAYBE STARTING YOUR LETTER "DEAR BITCH" WAS A BIT STRONG SUICIDA.
BUT WHY HAS SHE GOT TO STAY IN A HOSTEL? I ONLY GAVE HER A TAP... SHE'S AN AMMO-ZONE...! SHE CAN TAKE HER LUMPS. SHE'S BUILT FOR A BEATING!
YOU SEE...? YOU SEE...? SHE'S MAKING ME MAD AGAIN!
NO VACANCY
HOSTEL FOR BATTERED SUPERHEROINES
BLOCK
I DIDN'T MEAN TO USE THE GOLDEN LARIAT ON YOU. I GOT CARRIED AWAY WITH YOUR BRACELETS OF SUBMISSION.
AND SHE'S COMPLAINING ABOUT ME DISCIPLINING THE THE BOY. MY DAD BEAT ME BLACK AND BLUE AND T NEVER DID ME ANY HARM!
'FACT, T MADE ME WHAT I AM TODAY... HIS FISTS WERE SO RAW, HE COULDN T BEAT ME ANYMORE.
ALL MEN ARE SCUM
EAT MY ARMPIT


ALL RGHT... I MAY HAVE HIT THE KID--BUT WAS IT MY FAULT THE STAIRS WERE IN THE WAY? HE JUST KEPT ON ROLLING. HE WAS SHOWING OFF HE JUST DID IT FOR ATTENTION. HE LOVED BEING IN TRACTION.
HEL... F I SEE YOU ANYMORE DOWN I'LL HIT THE B TCH..

DADDY. DADDY.
BILLY! HOW'S MY L TTLE BOY THEN?
Child HOOD


ER.. ACTUALLY, SUICIDA, IT'S RONNY.
ME?

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TEACH YOU TO PLAY FOOTBALL .ER--RONNY?
OH YES, DADDY!
End

SUICIDA... S THAT YOU?
YEAH, IT'S ME, HONEY... I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU HOME
GRUMP!

NOW DON T RUN AWAY AGAIN.. DON T LOOK SO NERVOUS... WHO ARE YOU SCARED OF...? THERE'S ONLY ME HERE.
I WANTED TO EXPLAIN... IT MADE ME MAD THE WAY YOU HID FROM ME... THAT WAS WHY I NUTTED DOWN THAT WALL...

IT'S THE WAR... T GIVES ME THESE RED RAGES... BUT I PROMISE I'LL CHANGE... I'LL MAKE THE WORLD TURN FOR YOU AGAIN
YES... I REMEMBER HOW T SPUN WHEN YOU LAST HIT ME.
I ♡ me

BUT .T TAUGHT ME A LESSON, SUICIDA..
I'VE F NALLY REALIZED -- MY PLACE IS N THE KITCHEN...
SO WE'RE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN? MASSIVE!
ms. MUSCLE OVEN CLEANER Loves the Job You HATE! STAIN KILL
AUTION AUSES EVERE URNS
GETS RID O SCUR FAS

YOU BASTARD!
AAAGHH!
SHH!

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BLASPHEMY

YOU HAVE BLASPHEMED AGAINST THE HERO CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH REQUIRES HEROES TO BEHAVE IN A COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL MANNER, TO RESOLVE ARGUMENTS WITHOUT VIOLENCE; AND NOT TO WEAR COSTUMES BEARING LEWD OR OFFENSIVE MESSAGES

HAVE WE ARRIVED...? THIS DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A HOSPITAL...
HEY... I'M STARTING TO SEE AGAIN...
OH CRAP.
WHAT'S GOING ON MAN ? WHO ARE YOU...?
DANGER NUCLEAR HAZARD KEEP OUT
I AM THE COMMANDMENT KILLER.
I AM ALSO.. SORRY THE NEARLY MAN.
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE AT THE MERCY OF A NERD...? A WIMP ?
REMEMBER HOW YOU USED TO MAKE FUN OF ME... HUMILIATE ME ?
NUKE ME SLOWLY
5
YOU'RE THAT LITTLE JERK I USED TO...? HEY-- BETTER KILL ME NOW, ANORAK... 'COS WHEN I'M FIGHTING FIT, YOU ARE SERIOUSLY DEAD!
"LET ME EXPLAIN, SUICIDA... DOWN BELOW ARE THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF NUCLEAR WASTE...
"ANYONE WHO COMES IN CONTACT WITH IT... WILL DIE A SLOW, PAINFUL, HUMILIATING DEATH FROM RADIATION POISONING."
YOUR HAIR AND TEETH WILL FALL OUT... YOU WILL BECOME A CRINGING WIMP...
YES, YOU WILL BE THE ONE TO AVOID EYE CONTACT ... TO BE AFRAID OF WALKING DOWN CERTAIN STREETS... TO BE CAUGHT REMOVING TRUNKS FROM WASHING LINES...
EH ?

YOUR DEAREST WISH IS ABOUT TO COME TRUE, SUICIDA... TO BE NUKED SLOWLY!
TREBLE BUMMER!
OH, NO! MERCIFUL GOD! NOT HIM, TOO!
IS THERE NO JUSTICE N THE WORLD?
NUKE ME SLOWLY
NO, SUICIDA... THERE IS ONLY...
MARSHAL LAW!
WWOOOOOSH
TO BE RESCUED BY LAW! THIS IS TOO MUCH TO BEAR...
YES, AND AFTER HEARING ABOUT YOUR RECENT BEHAVIOR WITH YOUR WIFE, SUICIDA... THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ADD..
AAUUGH!
POW!
OVER THERE..

THE WAREHOUSE WHERE THEY STORED EXHIBITS WHEN THE VICTORY MUSEUM WAS DESTROYED...
VICTORY
DIDN'T IT COMMEMORATE THE HEROES OF THE GOLDEN AGE...?
THAT'S RIGHT... THE SUPER HEROES OF THE FORTIES AND FIFTIES...
HOW WAS IT DESTROYED?
ER -- LET'S NOT GO INTO THAT...
NO, LET'S NOT... YOU SEE, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE, DRAGON... HE BLEW IT UP... DESTROYED THE AMERICAN DREAM.
I WAS THE TOUR GUIDE AT THE TIME... T WAS THE ONLY JOB I EVER HAD...
BUY BONDS
... UNTIL I BECAME THE COMMANDMENT KILLER.
AND BEGAN WORK RESTORING THE DREAM... WARNING TODAY'S GENERATION OF SUPER HEROES... TO GET BACK TO TRADITIONAL VALUES -- THE WAY WE WERE...
SORRY... WHAT THE SCIENTISTS DID TO YOU ALL THOSE YEARS AGO HAS AFFECTED YOUR MIND... YOU NEED HELP...
THAT'S NOT TRUE... DOCTOR SHOCC WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME... I LET HIM DOWN... I- I FAILED HIM...
AND NOW ALL I'M LEFT WITH IS... A WAREHOUSE OF BROKEN DREAMS.
SO... YOU MIGHT AS WELL FINISH ME OFF... GO ON, MARSHAL... SHOOT ME! DO IT!
FOR GODS SAKE KILL ME

I NEARLY PULL THE TRIGGER... IN THE OLD DAYS I WOULDN'T HESITATE.
BUT I AM THE NEW MARSHAL LAW.
I'M SORRY, SORRY... I CAN'T... YOU RE SICK...
OKAY-- I'LL KILL MYSELF THEN! I'LL BRING DOWN THE METEORITE THAT EMPOWERED G.MAN'S GRAVITY STICK!
YES, THE OLD ME WOULD HAVE TOLD HIM I VOMIT ON THE LYING VALUES OF THE FIFTIES ... AS I BEAT HIM TO A PULP...
STOP IT! YOU'LL HURT YOURSELF!
... AND THAT ITS SQUEAKY CLEAN HEROES HAD BROOM HANDLES UP THEIR ANUSES...
AND WALLOWED IN THEIR SELF-DECEIVING BULLSHIT.
DOOM!
HE ALMOST D D IT...
JUST STOPPED H.M IN TIME!
OKAY-- I'LL LEAP INTO V.CTORY GIRL'S OLYMPIAN F RE.
BUT NOW... THE BILE NO LONGER RISES IN MY THROAT AT SUPER HEROES' BIZARRE ANTICS...
GO OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY...
VICTORY GIRL INFA

THEIR CLOAKS FAIL TO ACT AS A RED RAG TO A BULL...
HE'S EXTINGUISHED THE FLAME!
KRUMP

MY FISTS NO LONGER CLENCH WHEN I HEAR THEIR INANE BRAYINGS...
CRAP! THAT WAS A LUCKY ESCAPE!
AND HE HASN'T GIVEN UP!

AND THE URGE TO STRANGLE THEM WITH THEIR OWN PANTY-HOSE IS FINALLY...GONE...
THE NUCLEAR BOMB... BUILT BY MISTER ATOMIC, THE GOLDEN AGE PUBLIC SPIRIT'S GREATEST ENEMY!
THE ULTIMATE TROPHY! THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION! I SHALL BE REMEMBERED AT LAST!

I'M AFRAID THEY REMOVED THE TRIGGER WHEN THEY PUT IT IN THE EXHIBITION.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
JSF
PDF

THANKS TO THE DRAGON... I'VE MADE PEACE WITH MYSELF...
I--I NEARLY MADE IT, DIDN'T I, MARSHAL?
YEAH, SORRY... YOU NEARLY MADE IT. COME ON-- I'LL READ YOU YOUR RIGHTS.

I LOOK AROUND FOR HIM...
DRAGON...?
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HE'S GONE, TOO... THE MYSTERIOUS FORCE THAT BROUGHT HIM HAS TAKEN HIM AWAY AGAIN...
I GUESS HIS WORK WAS DONE...
FOR HE SHOWED ME THINGS I NEEDED TO SEE...
VICTORY
FEAR
LIBERTY
SFPD
FOR GODS SAKE KILL ME
I'M A HERO HUNTER.
I HUNT HEROES.
AND I FINALLY FOUND ONE...
MYSELF.

CUT THE CAPE!

Welcome to the second issue of "Ten" which sees our departure, for the time being at least, from Image. We'd like to thank Erik for making the experience an enjoyable and painless one - as a publisher, he's a Prince and there ain't many of them around, believe us! Details of our future Law plans can be found on the next page. We'd really like to have your feedback on where we're going with the character - but, as we're "moving house" to Dark Horse, we're not sure where and when you should write. Maybe you should contact us care of Dark Horse Inc. 10956 SE Main Street, Milwaukie OR 97222 or drop a line to Pat's E-mail address which is... Patmills@aspects.net
Hope to hear from you soon!

Pat & Kev

MARSHAL LORE

In case you missed them... Your at-a-glance guide to past books

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In Law's debut story, he is on the trail of the Sleepman, a nightmarish super-villain who is murdering women who resemble Celeste, fiancee of Buck Caine, the Public Spirit - America's greatest super hero.

Law hates the Public Spirit for encouraging a generation of young soldiers to sign up for super-powers so they can fight in a war in South America. For now the survivors have returned home, broken and psychologically disturbed by their powers. That's Law's job as a licensed vigilante - to keep the vets in line, crazies like Suicida, leader of Gangreen.

But Law is convinced the Sleepman is really the Public Spirit, turned psycho by the cocktail of drugs he takes to maintain his super powers. Especially when Law learns his first fiancee, Virago, drowned some years before under mysterious circumstances. Law's hatred for Buck increases when his girlfriend, Lynn, is killed by the Sleepman.

Finally, he learns the truth...that Virago survived the attempt by the Public Spirit to drown her and gave birth to a son...Danny - the Sleepman - whom she has been grooming for years to avenge her, by discrediting his father.

In the savage finale, the Public Spirit kills Virago...Law "kills" Danny...and then tackles the Spirit, who is executed on the orders of McGland to avoid a public scandal. But, deep within the headquarters of Shocc - Super Hero Operational Command and Control - and unknown to Law, Danny lives on - the subject of scientific experiments into the nature of super powers...

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT - MARSHAL LAW TAKES MANHATTAN. MARVEL/EPIC
1989 48 pages

Law is sent to New York to bring back to San Futuro a super-criminal known as the Persecutor. Law loathes him because he was once a government torturer he met in the Zone - the war in South America where they both fought. The Persecutor has taken shelter in an asylum for dangerous super-lunatics who Law has to fight off before finally getting his man. But, sickened by the Persecutor's past crimes, he leaves him to the less than tender mercies of gang of cannibal bums.

KINGDOM OF THE BLIND APOCALYPSE
1990 48 pages

Law has always admired the Private Eye, the wealthy Avenger of the Night who administers street justice to the punks of San Futuro. But the real reason the Private Eye is a vigilante is because he is paranoid that he will lose his vast riches. He has maintained his powerful physique by organ transplants from his boy companions. Law sees the light when his assistant, Kiloton, is murdered by the Private Eye and avenges his death in a final shoot-out with the Private Eye in a slaughter-house.

THE HATEFUL DEAD APOCALYPSE
1991 48 pages

Toxic fluid seeps into a San Futuro cemetary - bringing the dead back to life, including Black Scarab and other super heroes shot by Law in the past. Meanwhile, Law is attacked by ex-vet Razorhead whom he defeats and makes his new assistant. Law, Razorhead and Law's mortician father fight the Super Zombies, but then Black Scarab reanimates Lynn Evans, Law's dead-girlfriend. She persuades Law to shoot himself and join the Zombies in death and the story ends with Law pulling the trigger...

SUPER BABYLON. DARK HORSE
1992 48 pages

The story of the Super-Zombies continues. Law's hand shakes so much, he misses and shoots himself through the cheeks. He escapes with his dead girlfriend Lynn, even though he knows their relationship is now doomed. Meanwhile, Heroes of the Golden Age are re-animated by the toxic fluid and Law has to fight them as well as Black Scarab. Lynn renames herself Vindicta and turns against him. Law destroys the Victory Museum where the Golden Age Heroes reside along with Scarab and Vindicta. He believes the Zombie threat is over and is unware that Vindicta has crawled free from the wreckage...

PINHEAD VS. MARSHAL LAW. LAW IN HELL. MARVEL/EPIC
1993 2 issues 32 pages

Law falls in love again - with Super Nova, a Super Heroine who has made contact with the Cenobites. He operates a box which transports them to Hell. There, he fights the Cenobites and meets Pinhead who introduces him to the true nature of pain.

Breaking free, he realises there is still a shred of humanity in the Cenobite when he learns of Pinhead's past life as on officer in World War One. He reminds Pinhead that, in its horrifying trenches, real heroes died. The Cenobite leader releases him from Hell so he may continue his work hunting down more phoney Super Heroes.

Back on Earth, Super Nova tells Law to give up his job as a hero-hunter of lose her. He must choose between Love and Hate... But Law loves his job too much and Super Nova leaves him.

SECRET TRIBUNAL DARK HORSE
1993-1994 2 issues 32 pages

Young super heroes like Public Spirit Junior, Growing Boy and Super Sensitive Girl are being reared on an orbiting space station. Following a stupid dare by Public Spirit Junior, an Alien is released onto the station and kills Super Sensitive Girl. Marshal Law reluctantly leads the Secret Tribunal, a crack team of Heroes, to track the Alien down. Its members include Super Heroine Breathless with whom he has a brief affair. With the help of the Tribunal and also Growing Boy, Super Sensitive Girl's boyfriend, Law destroys the Alien.

AND SO YOU'RE REALLY GENNED UP... WE ALSO PRESENT:

HALL OF MAIM

WHO'S WHO IN MARSHALL LAW

SUICIDA

Leader of Gangreen, a gang of ex-veterans of the Zone who terrorize the streets of San Futuro. A Marshal Law regular, he appeared in #1 when he attacked Sorry the Nearly Man. It's possible Law has some sneaking sympathy for Suicida because they served in the Zone together, and because, he too, hated the Public Spirit: on one occasion totaling his new sports car. This may explain why - despite their many battles (*Fear and Loathing, Kingdom of the Blind, and Super Babylon*) - Suicida's still loose on the streets. The most popular of Law's enemies, there were once plans for him to have his own spin-off series.

PUBLIC SPIRIT JUNIOR

Marshal Law hated the Public Spirit - America's greatest hero - big time, because he knew what a phony he really was. So it's not surprising he feels the same way about his successor, the wannabe, Public Spirit Junior. This super-man-in-the-making previously appeared in *Secret Tribunal* when he led the League of Heroes against an Alien attacking an orbiting space station. Only Growing Boy and Marshal Law knew the truth about him - about his savage assault on the Biogram Girl and cowardice in the face of the enemy. He ended up being possessed by Anti-Man, a member of the Secret Tribunal.

SORRY THE NEARLY MAN

A.K.A. Tom Roye, he first appeared in #1 when Suicida attacked him on suspicion of being The Sleepman, a serial killer who was murdering superheroines. Never bitter that he himself was turned down for the super-hero program, he resented his peers behaving in unheroic ways, not least Marshal Law! He wanted them to be like the straight-forward, clean-cut heroes of the past, and his dreams came true in *Super Babylon* when he was made Tour Guide of the Victory Museum. Here Golden Age Heroes who battled for America in World War Two were embalmed. But he was heartbroken when they were re-animated and later destroyed - along with the museum - by Law.

GROWING BOY

Public Spirit Junior's companion on the Space Station in *Secret Tribunal*, he was fearful that he would be a failure and not be able to enlarge parts of his body. Super Sensitive Girl helped him overcome some of his fears, but she was killed by the Alien. He then teamed up with Marshal Law and played an important part in the Alien's destruction. A great admirer of Law, he wanted to be his boy companion, but was made a probationary member of the Secret Tribunal instead.

COMMISSIONER McGLAND

Marshal Law's corrupt and manipulative boss who first commissioned him to be a licensed vigilante, a super hero hunter - to "keep the street scum in their place". He didn't like it when Law started taking an interest in the Public Spirit's past and warned him off, but Law persisted. When it looked like the scandal surrounding America's greatest hero would be made public, he had the Spirit shot - rather than face trial for murder. He also asked Law to lead the Secret Tribunal on a alien hunt. As McGland had failed to pay his salary, Law was forced to agree

RUBBER JOHNNY

Originally a member of the Jesus League of America - when he was known as Devil's Tool - he had the ability to stretch his body into any shape he desired. He appeared briefly in *Fear and Loathing* as a guest at the Public Spirit'sWedding. Then, in *Kingdom of the Blind*, one of his Condominiums, selling super hero costumes, was trashed by Suicida. There were also references in this story to his bizarre relationship with a Hollywood actress under the newspaper headline: "The night Rubber Johnny came thru my catflap." In *Super Babylon*, the Golden Age Rubber Johnny disguised himself as a commode with unfortunate results.

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LAW - THE MOVIE

In December 1995 we signed a three year film option with Baby Productions to make a Marshal Law movie. Baby consists of the Anglo-American team of film executive Ileen Maisel, recently head of Paramount Pictures (UK) and consultant for Hat Trick films, and Duncan Heath, Chairman of ICM (Europe). Duncan acts as agent for many well-known actors, writers, producers and directors and has played a major role in setting up many TV and film series.

They are keen to have our active involvement at every stage - which is why we are actually part of the production company and why we ultimately chose to go with them in preference to an offer from a Hollywood studio that would have meant a direct "buy-out". We feel that the creators' involvement is essential if a movie based on a comic-book is to work, and thankfully, this is generally recognized these days - even in Hollywood.

The screenplay and Kevin's designs are based on the original Law series, *Fear and Loathing*, suitably adapted and streamlined for the big screen, and have received the thumbs up from our associates and financial backer. But Law purist's can rest assured that there has been no compromise on the character and there won't be, not if we have anything to do with it. Thus, the dark comedy that is a prime factor in Law's comicbook success is very much present in the movie; in fact there's a whole lot more, combined with a strong driving storyline to keep the all important "tone" right.

So where does the movie stand right now? Well...we're at that exciting, but perilous stage we call pre-production Hell! The next stage is signing up a director, and plans for this are well advanced. The screenplay has been favorably received by a well-known Hollywood figure with a strong background in science-fantasy films. Currently Baby Productions lawyers are talking to his lawyers, prior to his joining us as director. Sorry if that sounds a little mysterious, but it would be premature and maybe unlucky to say more at this stage. We hope to bring you more news on the film by the time the next comic book appears.

FUTURE LAW:
Where we go from here

Following the Dragon/Law cross-over, our next Law story will be a two issue color cross-over with Dark Horse's The Mask. Dark Horse have okayed our synopsis and I'm currently about to start writing the script. All we can say now, in case our ideas change, is that it will probably feature a female version of Marshal Law and the long-awaited return of Law's greatest enemy... the Sleepman! We figure it should be out sometime in the Fall of '97, all things being equal. See you there!

Pat Mills April 1997